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Dear Mr. Van Orden:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule C of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. An individual, including a candidate's spouse, may not make contributions to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. If the contributions or loans in question were secured by property based on joint assets, please clarify your report with the following information:

- brief description of the collateral or property used as a basis for the loan
- the capacity in which each signatory signed (e.g., co-maker, endorser, guarantor)

Schedule C and Schedule C-1 indicate that there are no other parties secondarily liable for the debt incurred, however your loan agreement indicates that there is a secondary guarantor.

If the contribution(s) in question was not completely or correctly reported, you should amend your original report using the correct information. If the contribution(s) exceeds the limits, you should either refund to the donor the amount in excess of \$1,000 or request a written redesignation and/or reattribution of the contribution(s) in writing from the donor. All refunds, redesignations, and reattributions must be made within sixty days of receipt